

Purpose of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

To provide information to the public about soil, water, and related natural resource conservation; identify and prioritize local soil and water resource concerns; and connect land users to sources of educational, technical and financial assistance to implement conservation practices and technologies.

Visions of Success

The district is respected for putting people with questions and concerns about soil, water, and related natural resource issues in touch with people with answers and solutions.

The district is recognized as the local hub for connecting land users to direct sources of educational, financial, and technical assistance for applying conservation practices and best management technologies on the land to address soil and water quality problems.

Local citizens recognize the district as the key player in improving soil and water quality.

Measures of Excellence

1. The district is governed by a Board of Supervisors that possess diverse backgrounds, talents, skills, and experiences.
2. The district has a current long-range plan that identifies, prioritizes, and addresses the soil, water, and related natural resource concerns.
3. The district has a strategic action plan that addresses priority issues and engages many partners.
4. The district has formal agreements and excellent working relationships with a number of local, state, and federal agencies and organizations.
5. The district employs a professional manager with training in program development and evaluation, financial and personnel management, public relations, and revenue enhancement. The district manager understands both agriculture and urban soil and water conservation issues.
6. The district administers a website and maintains an electronic directory of natural resource professionals and resource materials.
7. The district employs a skilled receptionist or information specialist to assist customers in a timely courteous manner.
8. The district's information and education outreach focuses on soil, water, and related natural resource conservation.
9. The district works with the local Cooperative Extension Service to carry out an education program. Youth education is also accomplished by equipping classroom teachers and education multipliers with resource materials on soil and water quality.

This can also be found on our website at:

<http://www.in.gov/isda/2389.htm>

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